REMARKS

Claims 1-4 are pending in this application, none of which have been amended. No new claims have been added.

In view of the aforementioned amendments, claims 1-4 are in condition for further examination, which action, at an early date, is requested.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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